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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 15, the independent claims, have been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,867,483 (Ennis et al.). In response to the previous arguments and amendments, the final action takes the position (pages 5-8 of Action) that the "Examiner is unable to find the feature 'simultaneous display of system parameters' disclosed anywhere in the claim language".

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following discussion, the rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent Claim 1, as amended herein, is directed to an apparatus for graphically presenting information representative of the operation of a communication system to a user monitoring the performance of the system, comprising a graphical user interface that simultaneously displays information representative of the operation of the system at a plurality of test points to the user. The graphical user interface displays a plurality of different bandwidths simultaneously presented to the user for each of the test points, and for each of the plurality of different bandwidths, for each of the plurality of test points, the graphical user interface displays information representative of the signal-to-noise ratio at the given test point for each bandwidth and a graphical image representative of the operation of the system at the given test point for each bandwidth. Independent Claims 8 and 15 have been similarly amended.

Ennis fails to teach or suggest the simultaneous display of both (1) information representative of the signal-to-noise ratio, and (2) graphical images representative of the status of operation, for each of the plurality of bandwidths for each test point.

For at least the foregoing reason, Applicants respectfully submit that each of amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, are patentable over Ennis and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Each of dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-14 are believed patentable over Ennis for the same reasons as submitted above with respect to the independent claims from which they respectively depend and as reciting additional patentable limitations.

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It is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above amendment and remarks that Claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

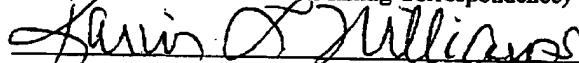
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